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SUBJ: SOCIALIST PARTY FIXES OCTOBER 5 AS DATE FOR  
NATIONAL ELECTIONS

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SUMMARY: AUSTRIAN NATIONAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD  
OCTOBER 5 AND, AS PART OF SOCIALIST ELECTION STRATEGY,  
KREISKY WENT ON RECORD AS ADAMANTLY REFUSING TO BECOME  
HEAD OF POSSIBLE FUTURE GRAND COALITION WITH PEOPLE'S  
PARTY SHOULD SOCIALISTS FAIL IN EFFORT TO ONCE AGAIN  
WIN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY. END SUMMARY

1. SOCIALIST PARTY LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED JAN. 28 THAT  
NATIONAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 5. IN EXPLAINING  
DECISION, PARTY CHAIRMAN KREISKY TERMED OPPOSITION  
PEOPLE'S PARTY MOTION FOR EARLY ELECTIONS A "POLITICAL  
GAG" AND SAID CONTINUING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND SOCIAL  
PEACE WERE CLEAR EVIDENCE OF EMPTINESS OF PEOPLE'S PARTY  
RATIONALE FOR EARLY ELECTIONS.

2. OF CONSIDERABLE GREATER INTEREST WAS KREISKY'S  
EMPHATIC STATEMENT TO PRESS AGTER MEETING OF SOCIALIST  
LEADERS THAT HE WOULD REFUSE TO HEAD GRAND COALITION  
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OF SOCIALIST AND PEOPLE'S PARTIES SHOULD SOCIALISTS NOT

WIN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN NEXT ELECTIONS. HE WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT "NO ONE IN PARTY CAN FORCE ME TO BECOME HEAD OF GRAND COALITION FOLLOWING NEXT ELECTION" ... "PERSONALLY I HAVE NO DESIRE FOR GRAND COALITION BECAUSE SUCH COALITIONS IN PAST HAVE FINISHED OFF EVERY CHANCELLOR" AND "THOSE WHO FAVOR GRAND COALITION ARE IN EFFECT SUPPORTING PEOPLE'S PARTY CAMPAIGN."

3. COMMENT: KREISKY'S ADVERSE COMMENTARY ON POSSIBLE FUTURE GRAND COALITION IS PART OF UNFOLDING SOCIALIST ELECTION CAMPAIGN STRATEGY OF PREPARING FOR ALL OUT EFFORT TO REPEAT VICTORY OF 1971 WHEN SOCIALISTS WON ABSOLUTE MAJORITY. KREISKY, WHOSE VOTER APPEAL EXTENDS BEYOND SOCIALIST RANKS, IS PUTTING KEY GROUP OF AUSTRIAN "LIBERALS" (SMALL PERCENTAGE OF INDEPENDENT, MIDDLE-OF-THE ROAD VOTERS) ON NOTICE THAT IF THEY WANT ANOTHER KREISKY-LED GOVERNMENT, THEY SHOULD SUPPORT SOCIALISTS ON OCT. 5 AS THEY DID IN 1971. ANOTHER POST-ELECTION OPTION WHICH KREISKY, HOWEVER, DID NOT ADDRESS WAS POSSIBLE SMALL COALITION OF SOCIALISTS AND MINOR FREEDOM PARTY, WITH KREISKY AS CHANCELLOR. HUMES

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